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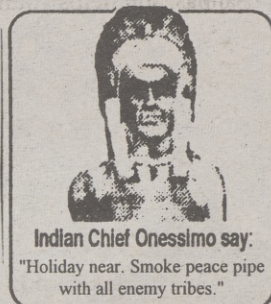
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Santa flew into Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield for a parade on Saturday, December 13. Read all about it in River Ramblings by Joseph Hertlein (that's him on the right with the antlers). Page 14

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LETTERS

Hatton Canyon

Dear Editor,

Regarding the "Never-ending Hatton Canyon debate", as you put it several issues back, and the argument to "preserve the Hatton Canyon wetland", which has been used to justify preserving the valley as a park or a wilderness, it should be pointed out that the so-called wetland is entirely a result of residential development on the slopes above. Before such development the valley would have been quite dry during the dry summer months. It is wet now only because of seepage from infiltrated water from the local residents' lawns and septic tanks. In the on-going arguments about the valley it should be recognized that its present "wetland" is entirely artificial.

Charles G. Higgins
Carmel Valley

NEWS BRIEFS

Westbrook & Olympus Acquire Majority Interest In Rancho San Carlos

Olympus Real Estate Corporation, of Dallas, and Westbrook Partners, L.L.C., of New York, announced on December 16 that they have jointly acquired the general partnership interest in Rancho San Carlos Partnership, L.P., previously held by Daishinpan-Monterey Partners, L.P. and Daishinpan (USA), Inc. The Partnership owns Rancho San Carlos, which, with 20,000 acres bordering California's communities of Carmel, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley, is Monterey County's largest private land holding. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed. Both Westbrook and Olympus are privately held.

Westbrook and Olympus will join current general partner Las Garzas Associates, L.P., which recently secured approvals from Monterey County to proceed with the Santa Lucia Preserve development project at Rancho San Carlos. Tom Gray of Las Garzas will continue to oversee the project.

Under the Santa Lucia Preserve Plan, 18,000 acres of Rancho San Carlos will be protected as a nature preserve. This land will be controlled and managed by the Santa Lucia Conservancy, a legally independent, non-profit conservation trust established by the Partnership. About 350 homes and a small village to serve the community will be built on the remaining 2,000 acres. A library, grange hall, barns, stables, equestrian center, golf course, sporting club, guest rooms and restaurant will be included.

David B. Deniger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Olympus Real Estate Corporation, said: "We are excited to be a part of this exciting and important project. The entire partnership is committed to developing Rancho San Carlos in a manner that is highly sensitive to the environment and that preserves forever the natural beauty and resources of the land. The unique combination of nature preserve and residential community will create one of the crown jewels in our growing portfolio of California properties. We are also pleased to team up for the first time with Westbrook Partners, with whom we look forward to working together on this and other real estate ventures."

In a joint statement, Paul D. Kazilionis and William H. Walton, Managing Principals of Westbrook Partners, said: "Rancho San Carlos represents an outstanding opportunity to create one of the most remarkable nature preserves in the world, combined with spectacular residences on one of California's greatest coastal landholdings. We and our new partners, Olympus Real Estate, share a common vision to develop Rancho San Carlos in an environmentally responsible manner."

Westbrook Partners, L.L.C., founded in 1994 by former executives of Morgan Stanley Realty Incorporated, is a fully integrated real estate investment management company with offices in New York, Dallas, Los Angeles and Florida. Through Westbrook Real Estate Funds I and II, Westbrook controls more than \$3 billion of real estate assets, including investments in real estate companies and securities; office, retail and industrial properties; apartments; hotels; and residential lot developments. Westbrook has been particularly active in California with more than \$1 billion of completed transactions with an emphasis on office, retail and apartment assets, as well as residential lot developments.

Olympus Real Estate Corporation, with offices in Dallas and New York, invests in real estate equities, mortgages and securities in major markets throughout the United States. Olympus was formed in May 1994 by Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Incorporated and David B. Deniger. Since its formation, Olympus has completed more than \$1 billion in real estate investments including numerous hotels and commercial, residential and golf-related projects in California, New York, Florida, Illinois, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia and Texas. Olympus' portfolio of California real estate assets includes the Brockhollow Office Park, The Inns of Monterey, The Inn at Laguna Beach, The Ritz-Carlton in Rancho Mirage, Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, and more than 1,500 single-family residences and lots.

Carmel Valley Transfer Station To Remain Open

Over the past few weeks there has been some concern about the possible closure of the Carmel Valley Transfer Station at 9 Pilot Road in Carmel Valley Village. USA Waste Services, the owner and operator of the facility wants to assure all area residents and businesses that the facility will remain open.

worked closely with Walter Wong and the Monterey County Health Department and with County Supervisors David Potter and Judy Pennycook to ensure that residents and businesses in remote regions of Carmel Valley will continue to have a convenient and proper option for disposing their garbage and recyclables.

Because of decreased usage of the transfer facility by residents, businesses, and disposal company trucks, the facility will have limited hours of operation. The facility was not accepting trash for a while due to equipment repairs but is now open.

The Carmel Valley Transfer Station is open to the public for trash and recycling disposal on Fridays and Saturdays (excluding holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The minimum rate for trash loads up to one cubic-yard will be \$24. A cubic-yard is the equivalent of seven 32-gallon bags of trash. Each additional cubic yard or fraction thereof will also be charged at a rate of \$24. Recyclable paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminum and metal is accepted at no charge. Materials must be properly separated and placed into the proper drop-off bins. No hazardous materials are accepted.

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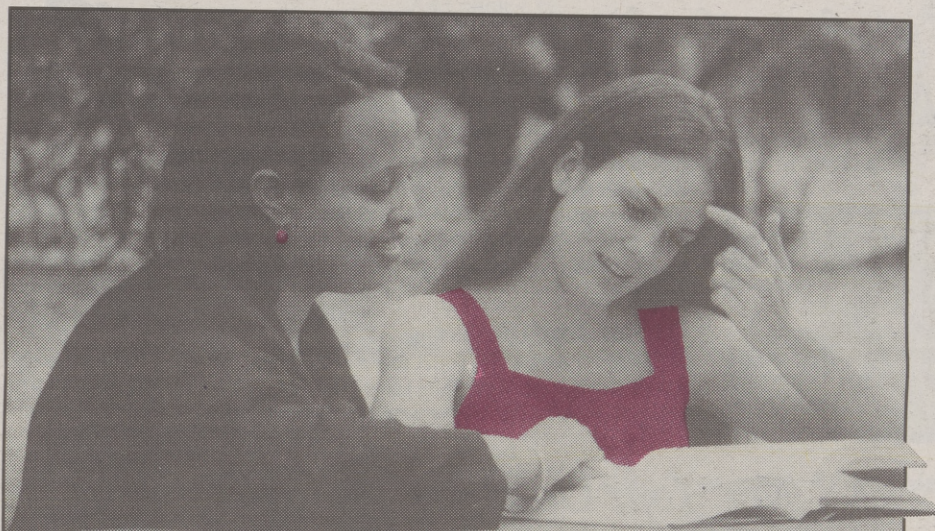
Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade recipients of the Tularcitos Academic Excellence Awards for the month of October.

In language arts the recipients were: Merissa Szumacher, Sam Pitnick, Tim Chubbuck, Jessica Hightower, Jamie Guglielmo, Kellen Ruwe, Talia and Stone.

In science the recipients were: Dylan McMahon, Courtney Krebs, Todd Langland, Michelle Meyer, Ashley Sickler, Whitney Murrian and Forest Kovach.

In math the recipients were: Camille Bishop, Cassie Chappel, Cristina Esparza, Kyle Zabala, Billy Heron, Katie Monroe and Megan Koontz.

In social studies the recipients were: Mira Patal, Peter Krol, Zach Alaga, Gianna Abberiano, Charles Lingerfelter and Kyle Murchison.



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Please include your name, city and phone number (phone numbers will not be published)

Last Minute Gift Guide

Santa has his sled full, your friends and family boast about the perfect gifts that they have found and you... You're entering the panic stage. The Sun has uncovered some very unique gift ideas brought to you by local merchants. So, bypass the superstores and find that perfect last minute gift!

Isn't it just a little too late to order gifts from that holiday catalog? And do you really want to trudge through the super-malls waiting in mile long lines? We've searched Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove and Monterey and have done some "investigative shopping" to find wonderful gift ideas for man, woman and child. Whether you have \$5 dollars to spend or \$500, there are so many eclectic, exotic, fun and outrageous gifts waiting to be found at the stores we have "uncovered."

Local towns are also making it easier for you to shop locally. One example is downtown Carmel. From now until Monday, January 5th designated areas of Carmel have three-hour parking spots. So get your last minute gift-list together, bundle up and have some fun while you shop.

Perfect gifts for your amateur or pro golfer

Are you having a hard time finding something for dad? If he's at all in to golf, you won't be able to leave Village Golf Shop without at least having one idea of something to get him. The store carries everything from funny golf gadgets to quality knickers. Dad is not the only one you can find gifts for at Village Golf. There are plenty of items for women - clothing, jewelry, shoes, stationery and golf trinkets.



Special finds: Exploding golf balls - 2 for \$5.95, Toilet paper with jokes - \$6.95, 3-Pocket Caddy Cases - \$12.95 - \$15.50, Shoe Bags (To keep dad's trunk clean) - \$34.95, Leather golf belts - \$33.95, Cuff links - \$34.95.

The Village Golf Shop

601 Wave St., Monterey 375-8340 10a.m. - 6p.m.
The Court of the Gold Bough at Ocean Ave. & Lincoln, Carmel 624-9551 10:30am - 6pm

Not Your Ordinary Tie for Dad

If you are running low on funds and still want to get a quality gift, head to the Carmel Valley Village. Robert Talbott's outlet store is across the street from the Carmel Valley Market in the Village Shopping Center. The deals that can be found are amazing. Gorgeous silk ties from Italy for \$25, cummerbund sets for \$20 apiece and a wonderful selection of shirts starting at \$29. Surprisingly, you might find something for mom or the crafty person in your life. In the back of the store there is a variety of cloth remnants. There are "grab bags" of silk fabrics for \$5, perfect for making baby or doll clothes. You can also find yards and yards of wool for sale at inexpensive prices.

Robert Talbott Outlet

Carmel Valley Village Center 659-4540

Shirts priced normally at \$115 - \$160 now \$29 - \$49, Boys Ties - \$7.50.

Give mom a day of relaxation

Pamper your mom or a special someone with a gift certificate to Peace of My Heart Salon in Carmel Valley. Sue from Peace of My Heart is offering great prices for the holidays on manicures, pedicures and therapeutic massage. A perfect gift for after the stressful holidays.

Current Specials (Expiring Dec. 31) Full Set of Nails - \$25, Hot paraffin manicure/pedicure - \$40, One hour therapeutic massage - \$40.

Peace of My Heart Salon

6 Village Drive, Carmel Valley 659-8822

Shape Up!

If someone you love has been complaining about their increasing mass or they are looking for a change in their exercise routine maybe they would enjoy a membership at a gym. For locals, try out Mid Valley Fitness Center in the Mid Valley Shopping Mall. Perfect for people who commute from the Village into Carmel or Monterey. The center offers free weights, cardiovascular equipment, treadmills, stationary bikes, stairmasters and the elliptical crosstrainer. New to the center is the treadwall - a fun and unique way to exercise. While buying a membership for your loved one or friend, maybe you'll decide to join. It takes two sometimes to make it to the gym.

Mid Valley Fitness Center 625-3668

401 Mid Valley Center
Hours: Mon - Fri 6am to 8pm Sat 7am to 3pm. Closed Sunday

Special Rates: No membership fee - \$40 per month or Six month pre-paid membership - \$35 per month

For the Holiday Haggard

After shopping 'till they drop and dancing in the new year, wouldn't that special someone enjoy some rest and relaxation? Yes, yes they would. Not too far away in our Carmel Valley, Robles Del Rio Lodge offers two fantastic mini-vacation specials that would make great gift certificate gifts.

The Specials

•The Spa Retreat Special includes spa treatment for one, use of pool and health facilities, double occupancy queen bedroom with private bath and diner for two, all for \$189.

•The Dine and Doze Special includes dinner for two at The Ridge Restaurant and one night in a cozy romantic room for \$99. Both specials are limited to Sunday through Thursday.

Robles Del Rio Lodge and The Ridge Restatement are located at 200 Punta del Monte in Carmel Valley. For more information call: 659-3705.

Call of the Wild

Find one of a kind, hand carved, animal inspired everything at Exotica. Owner Cheryl Harris travels to Bali to pick out these treasures herself. Items are both whimsical and functional; you'll find giant cat CD racks, hand-painted jewelry and vanity boxes, and frog toilet paper dispensers.

Exotica

109 Crossroads in Carmel 622-0757

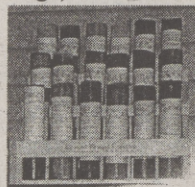
Special Finds Hair sticks (to hold hair in buns and twists) in Zebra and Giraffe for \$6.50. Zebra newspaper and magazine rack to hold your Sun: \$54.



"For the person recovering from an addiction..."

Serenity Alley, located on the street behind Lighthouse Cinemas in Pacific Grove, is by definition unique. The store opened just three months ago and caters to those who are recovering from addictions. Proprietors Tom and Jan Alley wanted a store that would offer inspiration and help people recovering from addictions or other challenges of life. The shop is filled with 12 step gifts, books, candles, cards and other obscure items not normally found in retail shops.

Special Finds: Beautiful cards (not baring the Hallmark logo) - \$1.50 - \$1.75



Wind chimes - \$8.95 - \$99.95
Alcohol-free perfumes - \$7.95 - \$18.95
Recovery T-shirts - \$14.50 & up
Fountains - \$95 - \$269
Great stocking stuffers starting at \$1.75... angel items, engraved stones, incense from around the world and candles.

Serenity Alley
543 Laurel Avenue,
Pacific Grove 375-5355
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 7:30pm
Sunday 10am to 4pm
Closed Mondays

For a new family tradition

How about a time capsule? Not an old box that molds in the closet but a durable, sealable time capsule in which you and yours can preserve the present for the future. Make an evening of it. Liven up the Christmas or New Years get-together by writing messages, predictions, or goals to include in the time capsule. The Cornerstone TimeCapsule was locally developed and is available at Carmel Valley Roasting Company, Brittons, Sandcastles, Thunderbird Bookshop, Thinkertoys and Nepenthe. Or, to order directly or for more information call 800-418-2326.

Cornerstone TimeCapsule:
1-800-418-2326

I need an inexpensive gift!

When it comes to attractive, inexpensive gifts American Country Classics is a true gem for the shopper who doesn't have a lot of time or money. The store has everything from angel figurines, teddy bears, racing cars and frames. It's easy to cross off several names from your gift list while shopping in this store. Country Classics is also one of the few



stores around the Peninsula that actually have Ty Beanie babies in stock. Yes, "Ty" Beanie babies. Mark from American Country Classics says he's had several shipments come in and there are still plenty of bean babies in stock. The store is another great place to find last minute stocking stuffers. **Special Finds:** Teddy Bears \$5 - \$20, Guardian Angel Cloth Doll - \$9.99, Toy car set - \$4.99.

American Country Classics
601 Wave Street, Monterey
655-3333

For Both the Green and Brown Thumbed

Succulent Gardens, located in the Barnyard, is yet another fantastic store to find last minute gifts. The store focuses on accessories for the garden and home - magnets, wind chimes, engraved stones, wall plaques, pots and much more. Robin from Succulent Gardens suggests a Bonsai or Cactus kit - plant, soil and book, all at reasonable prices. He also points out the different themes throughout the store. For example, if you know someone who loves frogs, there's a

Succulent Gardens and Gifts
3672 The Barnyard, Carmel 624-0426
Hours: Sunday - Thursday 10am to 6pm
Friday & Saturday 10am to 8pm

Special Finds: Magnets starting at \$6, Wind chimes \$6 to \$300, Beautiful indoor/outdoor fountains starting at \$100, Wall plaques - \$4 to \$200, Carved stones starting at \$9.

plethora of different items to get - statues, mouse pads and magnets. Another popular item this year is fountains and Succulent Gardens has a large quantity to choose from at competitive prices.



Who would enjoy a quality cigar?

Big Shot Cigars sells premium cigars, pipes and accessories. Their motto "quality cigars for quality people." The small store is located right before entering downtown Cannery Row. Once inside, there is a large wall displaying hundreds of different cigars - just be sure to ask for assistance. Ahmad Markhieh of Big Shot's takes out an El Rey Del Mundo and says, "This is nice after dinner with a glass of wine," he says. "...easy to smoke." The store also offers beautiful Burlwood cases for cigars, humidors, pipes and a variety of different tobaccos such as amaretto, cappuccino and vanilla. Big Shot's cigars come from all over the world and range in price. **Special Finds** El Rey Del Mundo Cigars - \$5/\$6 a cigar, Playboy Don Diego Cigars - \$9 - \$12 a cigar, MonteCristo Cigars - \$15, Zippo Lighters - \$12.95 - \$35, Colibri Lighters - \$25 - \$100, Ashtrays - \$20 - \$40

Big Shot Cigars
380 Foam Street
Monterey 658-0892

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Explore the photographic and optical arts at Carmel Camera Center. Cameras including basic point and shoots, digital cameras and the most elaborate setups can all be found. Your daughter has requested something you can't even pronounce much less comprehend? Not to worry, Carmel Camera Center will find it and if they don't have it, they'll order it for you. You can always give the gift of a photograph, Carmel Camera has excellent 1-hour photo developing and an assortment of decorative frames.

Carmel Camera Center
5th and San Carlos, Carmel
624-8880

Have some fun and share a gift with a child.

Want to get a great gift for a child that will offer hours of entertainment? Give the child in your life an IOU trip to My Museum in Monterey. Buy a ticket for the day or get a 10-visit card pass for future trips. My Museum opened this year and is located above the parking structure across the street from Edge Water Packing Company. The museum provides a place where adults and children can explore, create and discover the fun of learning through experience. Children can play a part at Puppet Theatre, "order" or "cook" at My Grill, or weave on a giant loom. Imagination is key and the fun endless.

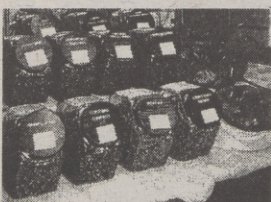
General Admission: \$4 • Card (10 visits): \$25 • Or call about a Charter Membership

My Museum

Monterey County Youth Museum
601 Wave Street Monterey 649-6444
Hours: Monday through Saturday 10am to 5pm
Sunday 12pm to 5pm Wednesdays Closed

Everyone Loves Coffee and Tea

Tucked away off Ocean Avenue in Carmel is a charming store for the coffee or tea lover in your life. Coffee Beans & Tea Leaves has been in business for 40 years and is one of the oldest shops in Carmel. The store offers 38 different coffee beans and a wide range of teas. You can also find



exquisite cups, saucers and collector teapots made in England. If you're in doubt of someone's particular taste for coffee or tea blends there is a variety of accessories - tea bag holders, tea cosys and books. **Special Finds:** Whole bean coffee starting at \$3.25 per lb., Coffee & tea books - \$12.95, Tea Cosy - \$21.95.

Coffee Beans & Tea Leaves
Court of the Golden Bough, Ocean
& Lincoln, Carmel 624-4504

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The Glass House

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The Enchanted Land - Part 15
A semi-fictional tale of an enchanted land - the efforts of its inhabitants to preserve it and the efforts of outsiders to profit from it.

Hardly a day passed when the inhabitants of the Enchanted Land didn't hear a new idea issuing from its newly formed Citizen's Committee for Community Development. In addition to the CCCD's many already operational subcommittees, new ones seemed to form at almost every meeting.

A subcommittee later named the "Watchdog Committee", focused on purchases of local businesses by out-of-town corporations. They also looked into each new proposal by a chain or franchise corporation for new outlets in the Enchanted Land. A carefully worded "Citizen's Report" was then assembled, identifying the nature of these corporations and the impact of their proposals on local commerce and their effect on business districts. This included the extent to which they re-invested profits in the local economy, and a thorough review of their business practices in other parts of the country.

If the company had a record of predatory marketing in other cities, or if funds were drained excessively out of the Enchanted Land, a "Call for Picket" went out in the community where the corporation did business. A "Citizen's Picket" was set up and all locals

were asked not to patronize the business until it met the standards set by the CCCD. Whereas previously, similar boycotts had remained largely ineffective - due to the strong endorsement of the Watchdog Committee by the local community, the mere announcement of a picket was often enough to result in a serious downturn in business for the targeted company. Within the next several months, three large concerns competing unfairly with local business, were effectively run out of town.

This so encouraged the people of the Enchanted Land that the Watchdog Committee went to work addressing the issues with one of the area's bigger local newspapers. They were very effective in dictating better treatment for its employees and more thorough, in-depth news coverage of the very thorny and controversial issues in the Enchanted Land that few other news sources had the resources to cover.

The Watchdog Committee became so effective in the community and so prominent in their opposition to anti-community businesses, that some of the corporate newcomers to the area actually submitted their projects to the CCCD for review and assessment before making formal application. The people of the Enchanted Land took delight in the fact that when "the big guns" came to do business in their towns, they had to answer to an enlightened and intelligent community of people.

Another subcommittee of the CCCD, later referred to as the "Bay Bucks" committee,

investigated innovative forms of local currency beginning to surface in other cities in their country. As they assembled reports on the effects of special currencies on regional commerce, they reported their findings in *The Community Press*, the newsletter issued by the citizen's committee.

They did this to fully expose their learning process to the rest of the community and to gain support for their concept of introducing a second currency. One of the justifications for this proposal was that by doing so, they could support locally owned banks to the disadvantage of the larger corporate owned branches. This also encouraged the locals to do business with each other and created a more neighborly exchange of services. New lending policies were established to provide low interest loans for community projects.

Not the least of the more popular motivations for a local currency, was the evidence that in the event of a national or international collapse of the economy, the use of a local currency would provide a stable platform for regional commerce, even as the rest of the world suffered the fate of the national or international currencies.

As the Bay Bucks Committee finally began to introduce these currencies with success, people noticed changes in the economic structure of the Enchanted Land. For one thing, the cooperative form of business ownership began to flourish. Cooperatives did not fair well in the typical, high interest, profit-above-all-else, currency standards prevalent in the reigning national monetary system. But with a low interest, non-commoditized monetary system, shared ownership of local business resulted in shared profits and increased local patronage.

The small local developer, who had once made such a profound case for the citizen's committee during its first session, used the new local banking systems and the increasing preference for local ownership, to begin resident based development programs. He created projects funded and backed by people who lived in the very region in which the projects were developed. In this way, the profits from development went right back into

local circulation, while the decisions affecting the projects were made by those most likely to be impacted by them. This put a natural limit on their size and instigated very thorough reviews of their design and impacts on the environment. At the same time, the developer's job became much less combative.

The true impact of these changes in the currency and to community owned local enterprise began to produce a remarkably healthy and stable economy. This was particularly evident during times of recession when the rest of the country struggled economically. The only unfortunate outcome of this obviously more stable and thriving economy was that it made the Enchanted Land even more attractive as a community in which to relocate. This began to create an uncomfortable pressure on the local infrastructure and seemed to counter the community's decision to grow at a much slower pace.

When this problem was addressed at one of the meetings of the CCCD, a suggestion was made that perhaps if surrounding communities were educated to the grass roots transformation of the Enchanted Land, there would be less desire for people to leave their exiting homes and neighborhoods.

Coincident to this development, the acting facilitator for the CCCD announced one day that a certain Mike Wallace from a nationally known news program known as *60 Minutes* had contacted him. They were interested in investigating the increasing rumors of the profound transformation of the Enchanted Land.

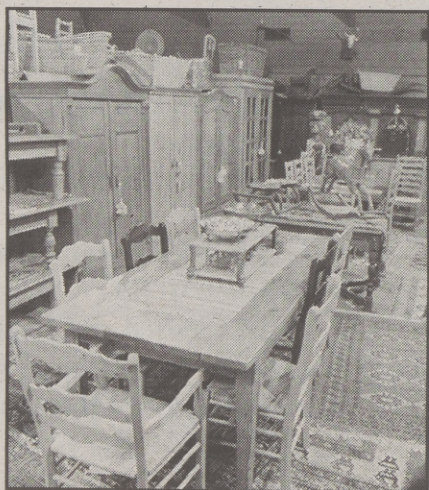
At first, committee members were decidedly hostile to the idea of national exposure. They were concerned it would only increase the tide of outsiders wanting to live in their very special land. At the same time, the committee felt the exposure might serve to fulfill their desire to educate other communities to pursue the same process.

After many discussions, and a telephone vote put out to all residents in the Enchanted Land, *60 Minutes* was invited to produce their story.

(To be continued...)

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OPINION

What's Next? By Mel Vercor

Some of our people, including members of Congress, seem to think our President shouldn't have furnished coffee to White House guests who were nice enough to bring generous gifts of money to help Democrats running for office. They have to be reminded, repeatedly, that "we are a nation of laws" and that if our rulebooks don't specifically say that serving coffee and maybe accepting donations are prohibited, then no rules were broken.

Sounds perfectly logical to me. If there is no law prohibiting it, then it is OK to do. It's just that there are a whole lot of things that some of us don't ordinarily do, because we don't think it would be ethical or proper. There may not be a law specifically prohibiting going to church wearing nothing but a neck tie and a pair of socks, but many of us might feel that there shouldn't have to be a law prohibiting it.

In fairness to a whole lot of plain, not especially bright U.S. citizens, or just plain residents, either legal or illegal, our Congress

should hire a whole lot of unemployed legal experts to re-write our Constitution, so that it won't have a bunch of hard to interpret sections in it. One Chapter, for example, could be devoted to things that could be done legally inside the White House, but not outside, except when the weather was nice enough to have a picnic on the front lawn.

There may not be a law specifically prohibiting going to church wearing nothing but a necktie and a pair of socks, but many of us might feel that there shouldn't have to be a law prohibiting it.

I think the American people should feel that their intelligence

has been insulted, when our very top people stoop to using very narrow interpretations of ethical guidelines in order to promote their own personal political ambitions, like using government buildings and facilities to campaign for future elections.

It couldn't have happened at a worse time. With our country over its head in debt, we will now have to hire several thousand high-priced attorneys to re-write our Constitution, so there won't be any chance of not understanding what it says. And, I suppose we'll have to hire another several thousand to make sure the first bunch doesn't leave any loopholes.

Nightlife

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Close at Hand

Around Town With Matt Heimbold

Bravo Monterey Peninsula! The Third Annual **Rock For AIDS Benefit** Concert at Doc's Nightclub was a smashing success. All of the proceeds went to benefit The Monterey County AIDS Project. Black Olive Records would like to thank

everyone for supporting the cause, including Jennifer and her staff from MCAP, Dino and Carolyn of Doc's, KMBY, The Sun, DoReMi records, The Coast Weekly, Stokes Adobe, Bay West Music, Three Spirits, and of course all the artists who performed. Specifically I'd like to thank KMBY for all their help. Rich Berlin has supported live music for years in these parts and we really appreciated his coming down last Thursday to help MC the show. Shout outs to the entire KMBY staff including Copa, Seca and the big man Ed Monroe.

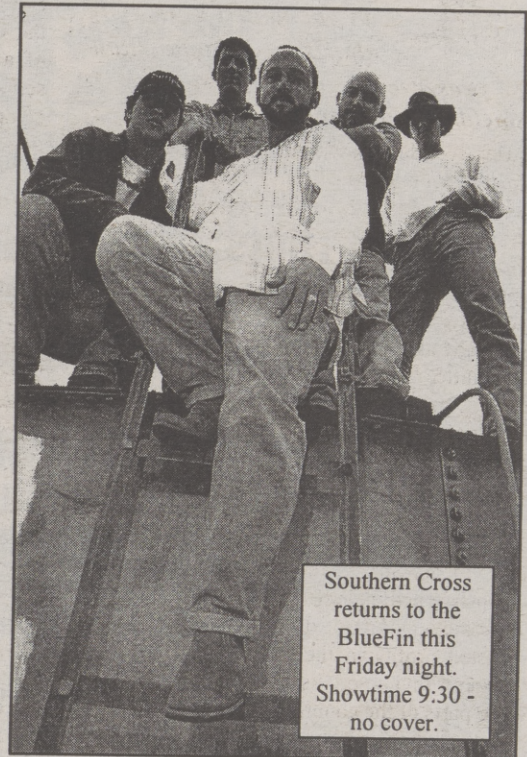


The Unknown Jeromes do
their thing at Viva
Monterey on Friday night.

With Carl of Torch "n" The Bones leading a chorus line at Doc's...and Rich Berlin in the house ... it seemed like ole times. And how about new comer Maria Fox's hair raising performances of Little Feet's "Willin"? You kick-ass girl. Right on! How's that Rich?

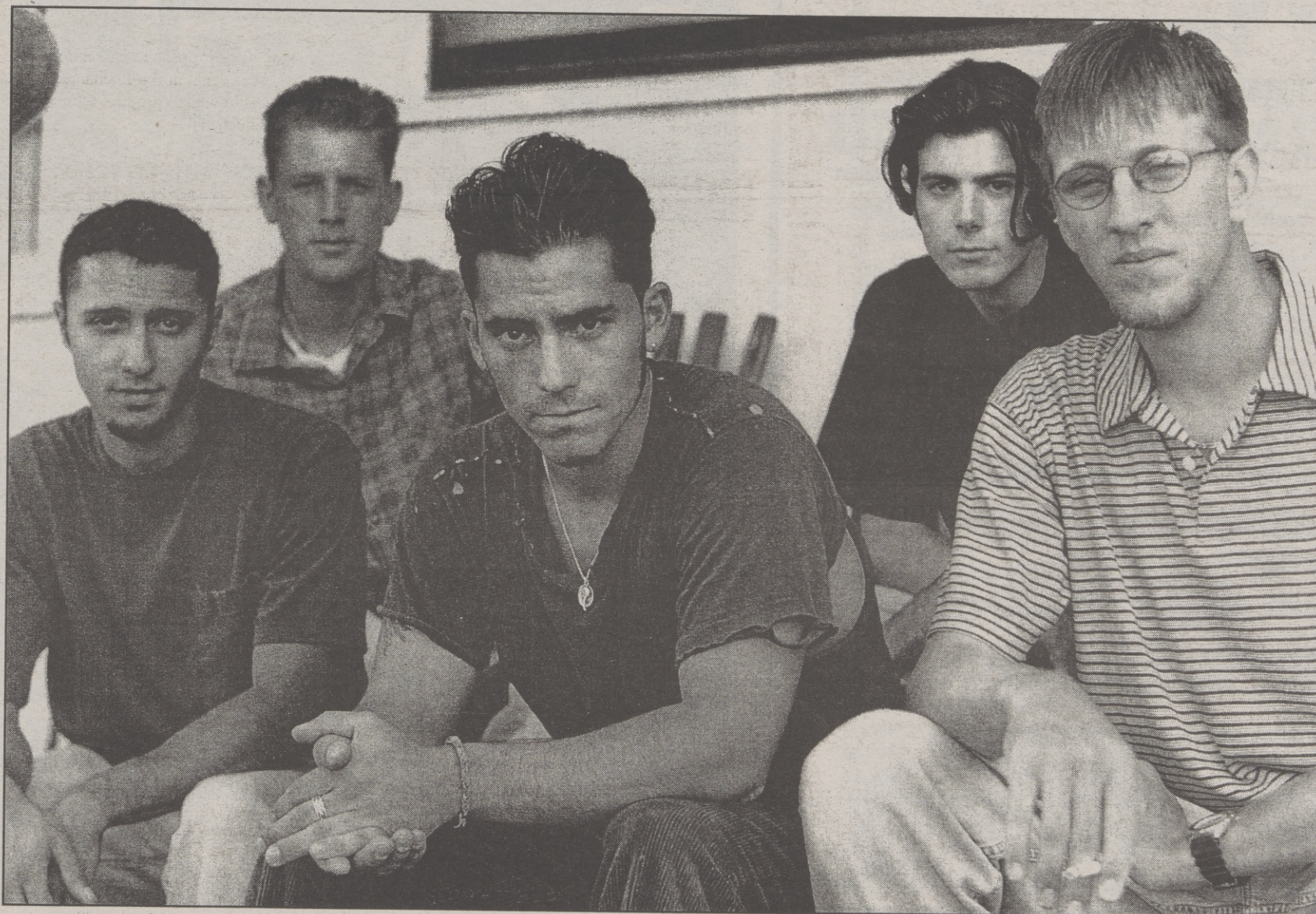
Speaking of Torch "n" The Bones, those wacky lads are back at Monterey Billiards this Friday night. Lead singer Carl Christ (aka Torch) always has a few tricks up his sleeve, and with the band's hot new single "El Nino" prepared to rip up the modern rock charts you better get there early if you want a seat. I just got a call from Torch claiming he may burn up a few Christmas tunes if the spirit of the evening should move him. Never a dull moment with that lad.

If you're at Bluefin Billiards this Saturday night be prepared for the audio visual extravaganza that is the **Three Spirits Christmas Circus**. Hosted by Uncle Jam (Brad Mallory), Three Spirits has a line-up of local rock acts with a twist. Oh we just luv surprises don't we Boo Boo? Damn straight ya horses ars! Concentrate Matto. O.K., o.k., your surprise is **The Buddy Garland Show**, another brand new fresh band to our music scene. The unit is Buddy Garland on vocals and guitar, Don Lockwood on bass and guitar,



Southern Cross
returns to the
BlueFin this
Friday night.
Showtime 9:30 -
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The Bridge,
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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	"Dizzy Burnett Quartet" 9pm Free Swing Lessons!	"Southern Cross" - 9pm - 1am	"3 spirits Christmas Circus" - 9pm-1am	Militar pool
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	Call for Information	Call for Information	TBA	Closed
McGarrett's 646-9244	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - Doors open at 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed
Monterey Billiards 641-0260	"Randy Baldwin Trio" Show starts at 9pm	"Torch and the Bones" - 9:30pm, No Cover Jager Girls from 10-12	"Mockingbird" - 9:30pm, No Cover	Closed
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Ken Sonkin & Darren Carter - \$6 cover	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Ken Sonkin & Darren Carter - \$6 cover	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Ken Sonkin & Darren Carter - \$8 cover	Grupo Night - 8:30pm
Viva Monterey 646-1415	"A.B.L." featuring Tom Ayres - 9:30pm	"The Unknown Jeromes" - 9:30pm	"Fever Dreams" - 9:30pm	Viva Ja Followe Eclectio
Whitey's Place 646-8383	Jam Session w/ Joe Lucido & Friends - 9pm	Funk & Reggae w/ "Rock Steady Posse" - 9:30pm	"The Bridge" Rock & Roll - 9:30pm	Satellit Interac

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Fellini movie? No... it's Kimberley Hirsch and Nick Kalen.

ards and Booze

DAY	SUNDAY 21 st	MONDAY 22 nd	TUESDAY 23 rd	WEDNESDAY 24 th
Top 40 n	18 and over night. Dress to impress! No Alcohol will be served.	Closed	Closed	DJ Greg Dean and The Bang- house music 8pm
Christmas om-1am	Military Night 1/2 off pool	College Night 1/2 off pool - Free Geometry lessons	Pool Party, Drink Specials, Rack & Roll!	Ladies Night 1/2 Price Pool
	Closed	KPIG presents Blues Night w/ "Blues Bait"	Reggae Night!	Call for Information
Top 40 & ic	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Country Night - KTOM presents music w/ Wild at Heart - Doors open at 9pm - \$5 Cover
bird" - o Cover	Closed for Private Party	Monday night Football - 1/2 off Bud during game!	"Jazz Market Jam" w/ Joe Lucido 8pm, Swing Dance Lessons with Vinnie 7 - 8pm	Play some pool! Doors will close at 10pm Sorry no live music
10:30pm onkin & ter - \$8 cover	Grupo Oasis Salsa Night - \$5 Cover 8:30pm	Closed	Closed	Rockin Wednesdays with Mockingbird 92¢ Cover 92¢ Draft - Doors open at 8:30pm
ams" -	Viva Jams! Starts at 4pm. Followed by...DJ Matty's Eclectic Review.	Acoustic Rock w/ "Randy Baldwin & Friends" - 9:30pm	Matthew Clark - 9:30pm	DJ Matty's Christmas Eve Video Eclectic Review - 9:30pm
e" Rock & pm	Satellite Sports Interactive 5pm	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 9pm	Grrrls Night Out with The Karma Band - 9:30pm

Girl Trista Waag



Some happy campers at the BlueFin: Michael and Kathy Hood, Joe, Jake and Melissa.



**Will you be next?
Look for Paparazzi
Girl and catch her
flashing.**

(Paparazzi Girl accents bribes.)

Around Town from page 7

Cosmo Brown on piano and organ, and Jerry Mulligan on Drums. Buddy clued me in to the bands sound, "If Irving Berlin was a young songwriter in the 1990's he'd probably sound a lot like this. If you need a label it's America or Hollywood Blues." All the tunes the boys perform are covers from the turn of the century to 1959. As you guessed it, there are a boatload of Buddy Holly tunes and songs made famous by Judy Garland. Of course they've taken great liberties with the arrangements to make them appealing to a young alternative rock set. Sounds interesting to me....book it for Saturday. Joining The Buddy Garland Show are Maria Matiaz and Live Vibe, The Project, 4:20 Express, and The Notion. The Project features a new lineup behind band leader/guitarist/vocalist Brad Mallory. His brother Blake Mallory remains on drums with Randy Baldwin joining them on lead guitar and Gary Struthers on bass. The party gets started at 9:00 PM, Bluefin.

Here's something a little different. Tomorrow night at the Book Worm used-book store on Main Street in Salinas, you are invited to a performance of experimental Christmas music by Keyboardist Ernesto Diaz-Infante and Pat Harman on electronic woodwinds. Show time is 6-8:00 PM. For more information call 753-2099.

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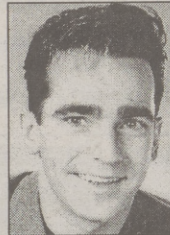
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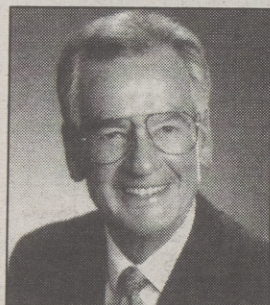
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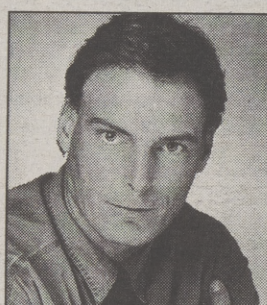
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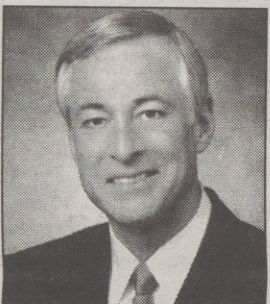
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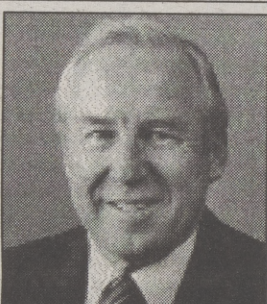
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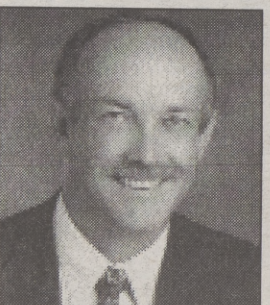
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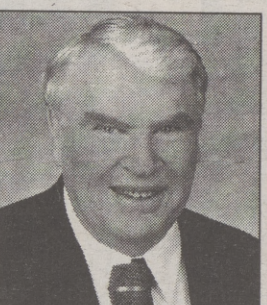
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Thursday, December 18

♥ Come support Switzerland bound **Marina Girl Scouts** from 5pm until closing at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Marina.

Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 18 & 19

♫ **Monterey Peninsula Art Gallery** presents **Ropes, Rain, Wind and Walls** an exhibit designed to take advantage of El Nino's Wrath. Local artists will construct designs among oaks and streams on MPC's campus. Sight maps are available at the MPC Creative Art's Office.

Thurs. - Sun., Dec. 18 - 21

♪ Every Thursday through Sunday **Helcio Milito** plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Helcio is an internationally renowned percussionist. His band consists of Brazilian pianist Jovino Santo Neto and a special guest on weekends. Thursday, Helcio Milito & Santo Neto from 7-11pm, Fri. & Sat. Helcio Milito Trio with special guest Kenny Stahl on flute/bass from 8 to 11pm.

Thurs. - Sun., Dec. 18 - 21

♫ **The Unicorn Theatre** presents Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol* at the Hoffman Playhouse in Monterey. Show times are 8pm Thurs., Fri., Sat. and 3pm and 7pm Sun. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 students and seniors, and \$8 for children under 12. Call 649-0259 for ticket information.

Thurs., December 18 - 23

♫ **Santa Claus** will be making deliveries by fire truck to families living within the **Mid Carmel Valley Fire District** (Rancho San Carlos Rd. W. to Garland Park E.). Santa starts his delivery 3pm Christmas Eve. If you wish to have your gift delivered, drop off your wrapped present at the Mid Valley Fire Station any time between 8am - 8pm on or before December 23rd. (One package per child.)

Thurs., December 18 - 24

★ **The Community Christmas Dinner Committee** and the **Monterey Peninsula Kiwanis Club** are joining together to present the 12th annual free Christmas dinner at the Monterey Fairgrounds on Christmas Day. The committee needs help from the community! Cash donations, clean clothing for adults & children, food donations (turkeys, hams, pies...) & volunteers for the dinner are needed. Interested parties can call Rich Hughtett 373-3720 or Kathy Miller at 625-4346.

Friday, December 19

★ **"Stars & Moon Constellation Evening"** at **Quail Lodge**. Experts from the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy will be on hand to share the moment when eight of the planets will be lined up in the sky & visible to the naked eye. Stargazing at 6pm, hot apple cider around the fire at 7pm, & buffet dinner at

the Barn at Quail Meadows. Advanced reservations required. Call 624-1581 ext. 286.

Saturday, December 20

♥ **Benefit Bazaar for Cabo San Lucas** children at the Stirrup Cup next to the Running Iron on Carmel Valley Road in CV Village. Lots of items for Christmas. Benefit will run from 8am - 4pm. For further information call 659-2705.

Sat. & Sun., December 27 & 28

Unicorn's Family Fantasy Theatre presents **"Toad of Toad Hall: the Mad Adventures of Mr. Toad"** at the Hoffman Playhouse. "Toad Hall" is adapted and directed by Carey Crockett. This lively children's production is presented in a story book fashion that captures the spirit of Kenneth Graham's classic "The Wind & the Willows." Show times are Sat. & Sun. at 3pm and 7:30pm. All tickets are \$5 - advanced reservations are advised. Call 649-0259 for further information.

Wednesday, December 31

♪ **Quail Lodge** presents a **Black & White Ball at the Club** New Year's Eve. Join them for an evening of superb dining & dancing with music provided by Mike Marrotta, Jr. Make your reservations early. Gala Event - cocktails at 7pm & dinner at 8:30pm. \$198 per person (inclusive) Call 624-1581 extension 286.

For the Month of December

♫ **Simic New Renaissance Masters Regal & New Renaissance Masters Gallery** has a special art exhibit to benefit "Make-a-Wish-Foundation." All sales will donate 5% to the charity. The galleries' goal is to exceed a \$25,000 donation.

♫ **Central Coast Art Association** members will display their work at various locations. Oils and watercolors by Polly Kenaston can be seen at Coast Federal Bank of Monterey, watercolors by Barbara March Smith at Pebble Beach Post Office, oils and watercolors by Len Lasnick at Sally Griffin Senior Center in Pacific Grove.

♫ **The Carmel Art Association** will introduce new work in the Barney Segal Room featuring original cartoons by Bill Bates, illustration-style paintings by Robert Bradshaw, plein air watercolors by Nancy Johnson, still life oils with Joe Tanous and small animal sculpture by Beth Garcia. The association is located on Dolores St. in Carmel.

Monday, January 5

♫ **The Carmel Women's Club** presents **Katharine Massel** at its January meeting. Ms. Massel has served as a volunteer secretary to an interplast team, which was part of a non-profit organization of plastic surgeons who have provided reconstructive surgery to poor children in Third World countries. The meeting starts at 2pm at the Clubhouse on 9th & San Carlos in Carmel. Non-members \$3, call 624-3379 for more information.

Happy Holidays!

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BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

That Ho Ho OH NO Feeling...

I have to start by saying that I don't hate Christmas.... for that matter, I don't hate Chanukah or Winter Solstice or any other religious or seasonal holiday.

When I was a child, I really enjoyed Christmas. When I was really young, we had no money, because my dad was going to school on the G.I. Bill and my mom was trying to get a career going as a fine art photographer. We lived with my grandfather for those first few years until my dad graduated from Carnegie Tech. The thing that I liked about Christmas was that it was one of the days when both my mom and dad and my grandfather all had the day off work. My aunts and uncles and cousins would come to the house and we would have this noisy, chaotic, delightful two day gathering.

My aunt Babs and uncle Ray would show up with Raymond and Mark. My aunt Elnora and uncle Fred would bring Carl and Freddie and Billy. Sig and Helen would bring Marcia. My bachelor uncles Lee and Steve would be there, if Steve could get leave from the army. We even had pseudo aunts and uncles, best friends of my parents who would attend and bring their kids.

The kids would form a child pack and roar off into the woods behind the house, in search of wild animals, pirates, black hats and adventure. We went literally for miles sometimes, it was safe then, and no one worried. We would divide into sides for some game and recombine and divide again 'til someone fell out of a tree or through the ice into the creek or our fingers finally turned so numb that we couldn't form a snowball to throw.

At that point, the smells coming from the house would start to register... turkey, pies, stuffing, coffee and wood smoke carried on the breeze would grab us by the nose and reel us back to the warmth and lights and adult noises in the house. It was usually overcast and snowy on Christmas, so the lights of the house and the warmth from the fireplace and radiators and the adults debating some political or engineering or house building point would hit us like a warm dazzle as we came into the house.

Maybe some people are tired of trying to buy happiness and approval...

Try as I may, I can only remember one Christmas present from that period, a Teddy Bear that my mother reunited me with a couple of years ago. There weren't a lot of other presents. At that point in their lives, none of the family had become successful or wealthy, although most would. A lot

of the presents that I have been reminded of by my cousins were homemade things like sock puppets and stick horses.

So as I see, listen and read the pushy, demanding, advertising for expensive fad items made by machines and hear the radio and television commentators lamenting the fact that Christmas sales are strangely down in this year of economic prosperity, I wonder if anyone else misses the people and the sharing and the fun that seems to have gone out of the Holiday Shopping Season. Maybe some people are tired of trying to buy happiness and approval.... Maybe not.

I do know that I don't care if I never get another thing for Christmas, if I know that I can share the day with people I love. And yes, I did shop for some people, but the real presents will be dinners and conversations and ski-trips or glider flights or kayaking or some other shared experience. Go have some fun with someone... that will be remembered!

Rand Elliot Rueter hosts "The Blues Bus" on KPIG, 107.5 FM and is currently the lead singer/guitarist for Blues Bait.

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Spare Change

By Barbra Alexander

The Art of Healing

Maybe Voltaire said it best when he wrote, *'Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing.'*

In these days of fast foods, plasterboard houses, synthetic clothing, and hair extensions, who among us doesn't long to return to a more natural way of life? No longer just a back to nature fad, but in fact a growing philosophy, this wish to put nature back into our lives above all applies two of the most important of human concerns - getting and staying healthy.

From time immemorial man has relied on plants and other ancient, alternative methods to treat sickness, as well as to soothe chronic aches and pains. The same methods, employed by ancient peoples such as those in the Neanderthals, were bequeathed along with the family's prized hides and favored position by the fire to the heir apparent.

These extraordinary remedies made their way through the ages to the medicine men and priests of the

Egyptian, Greek and Roman empires; by physicians and apothecaries of the Middle Ages. Later by the settlers who came to North America, by the Indians who met them here, and even by our own parents or grandparents.

Many of the ancient remedies and what we loosely refer to as 'alternative healing methods' are still being used today, mostly by those of us with the desire to live much longer than the currently accepted wisdom of seventy or so years.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not talking about a broken arm, or the patently evident, bloody, open head wound. There are many places where there simply is no substitute for currently standard medical practices and those two definitely fall into that category.

I'm not a health food nut or vegetarian old hippie type either. However, I do want a more direct, time honored approach to healing my body of chronic problems such as sinus infections, stress migraine headaches, and the like, than a broad spectrum antibiotic, and some very expensive guessing games.

Speaking of expensive, what have the release from common muscle pain brought on by sitting for too many hours at the computer, or other chronic ailments cost you over the past five or so years, in money alone? If you looked at your productivity level, how long after you return from your annual vacation does it take before you start to feel those old, familiar aches?

For that matter, how long does it take to lose them once you start a vacation? For a number

of years I would spend the first two days in bed, trying to exorcise a migraine at the start of every

vacation. This was before I discovered that regular massages, the occasional chiropractic treatment and acupuncture would intervene before the headache had a chance to take hold. But it happens to many of us. We all have chronic disabilities on our list of life's little annoyances to put up with. More than likely this is because we walk upright and gravity insists on having an effect on us.

I am amused at the current news reports that tout the healing herbal teas. This is news? Some of us have been successfully using those items instead of drugs for most of our lives. I can remember putting a lime slice on an insect bite on a small boy's foot, sitting with him as we watched the redness disappear, and he ran off to continue playing.

The entire episode took five minutes and nobody panicked. Of course, doc-in-the-box wasn't an option, we were in a third world

Have you ever wondered why the business of medicine is referred to as practicing?

country. Medical attention would have been hours away,

and anyone who has ever read an herbal medicine book knows that citrus draws poison.

If you haven't already done so, isn't it time to explore some of the more prevalent alternative methods and ways to a healthier, more productive you? Not only do these methods cost less than conventional medicine, but these practices have been available since dirt was invented.

Have you ever wondered why the business of medicine is referred to as practicing? Or the healing arts? Quite possibly it is because the art of medicine consists mainly of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.

Barbra Alexander is a local home lender. She can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. hosting the MONEY HOT-LINE on KSCO 1080 AM. You can reach Barbra directly by calling 408 649-8757.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Your World and Mine By Araby Colton

Letter From a Friend

With Rosemary Matson's approval, I quote here from a letter from her longtime friend, Retired Unitarian Minister, Harry C. Meserve:

"Come About!" is a phrase familiar to anyone who has ever sailed boats. One does not change the mark, but the side of the vessel the wind strikes...coming about changes the strategy, but not the basic purpose.

All my life I have hoped and believed that government was the instrumentality through which social ideals like economic justice, racial equality, freedom of mind and spirit, and compassion for those in deepest need could best be achieved and protected.

Now I am coming about. I seriously question whether we can trust that government will help us reach these ideal marks. We have stumbled or been coaxed and pushed into a situation where we have no party deeply committed to these democratic ideals. Money and corporate welfare for the big companies, and well-heeled people who profit from them now constitute

the brisk wind the ship of state sails by.

...we are suffering from what William James called 'the moral flabbiness born of the exclusive worship of the bitch-goddess Success.'

We have the depressing spectacle of two parties that shamelessly buy votes ... and tacitly agree to do nothing about the situation except talk about it. They have failed so far to create any kind of comprehensive health care system. We have the largest prison population in the world in proportion to our size. We have the most powerful military establishment,

treated as sacred by the government ... Our schools, natural environment, roads, bridges, railroads, relief for the poor, cultural and artistic institutions, and many other concerns of a truly democratic state get handouts from what's left over. We don't pay our UN dues, though continuing to push its members around.

We are becoming, if our government is any indication, a morally shabby nation more concerned with pork than with people, with profit for a few than with justice and humanity for all. Some vestiges of our former values continue, and we must preserve them... but we must find credible alternatives for their protection and extension. Where shall we look?

We should look to the schools we should look to the churches, of all denominations and creeds ... we should look to the agencies struggling to protect our natural environment (all life depends on that effort) ... to the labor unions, now showing growth and political power ... we should look to our communities and private groups that create and spread constructive ideas for social recovery and change ... to the scholars and scientists in the universities who have not sold out to big business or the military ... and we should look to the poor, the homeless, the people who have been forced out of our society, but are capable of turning things around if given encouragement. An alliance of these groups could make the difference.

I do not despair of our government ... But we are suffering from what William James called 'the moral flabbiness born of the exclusive worship of the bitch-goddess Success.'

The best cure is to go back to the sources of ethics: the minds and consciences of individuals and their voluntary efforts for the public good. Our ship of state is a good ship, well-made and durable, but it is off course. It needs to come about, trim sail, and go for the mark of a just and compassionate society.

The holiday season is a good time for new resolves!

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THE LAW

The Legal Corner

By Barry Harrow

Abortion and The Constitution - Part 16

Where and why does the court draw the line?

My continuing caveat is that I do not intend to take a position one way or the other on abortion in the course of these articles. I offer them to you for informational purposes only on the theory that more information is better than less and more discussion is better than less.

Roe v. Wade was decided on January 22, 1973. The question was as follows: Can the State of Texas prohibit abortion even if there is no risk to the mother's life?

Last week, we reached the point in the case where the Court indicated that the State had some interest in regulating abortion, but only a "compelling state interest" could support restrictions on abortion. Where does the Court draw that line? Why? What is a "compelling state interest"?

Ms. Roe and her supporters claimed an absolute right to bar state imposition of criminal penalties. The State argued that the recognition and protection of prenatal life from and after conception constituted a compelling state interest. The Supreme Court did not agree with either position.

The state's position was based upon an argument that a fetus is a "person" entitled to the protections of the Constitution. The Court agreed that if the fetus was a "person", the State's position would be meritorious and the statute would stand because "the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the [Fourteenth] Amendment." The State could not find any decided case which supported that position, however. The Supreme Court looked at the Constitution and said that it does not define "person". All of the uses of the word "person" in the Constitution, according to the Court, are in circumstances where it applies postnatally. It is used, for example, to discuss the qualifications for Representatives, Senators and Presidents. No use of the word "person" could be found that would apply to a fetus.

As the Court stated, "All this, together with our observation, supra, that throughout the major portion of the 19th century prevailing legal abortion practices were far freer than they are today, persuades us that the word "person," as used in the fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn."

However, the Court also stated that "it is reasonable and appropriate for a State to decide that at some point in time another interest, that of health of the mother or that of potential human life, becomes significantly involved. The woman's privacy is no longer sole and any right of privacy she possesses must be measured accordingly."

Nevertheless, Texas argued that "life begins at conception and is present

throughout pregnancy, and that, therefore, the State has a compelling interest in protecting that life from and after conception." That issue, namely when does "life" begin, is one that the Court does not answer. Here again, the Court went back to discuss the historical perspectives on when life begins and indicated the "wide divergence of thinking on this most sensitive and difficult question." There has always been strong support for the view that life does not begin until live birth. The Court discussed the various views of various religious groups on this issue, as well as the views of physicians and scientists. Reference again is made to the theories I mentioned in previous articles having to do with Ancient Attitudes, mediate animation, life beginning at conception, and so on. With respect to life beginning at conception, the Court mentioned that "Substantial problems for precise definition of this view are posed, however, by new embryological data that purport to indicate that conception is a "process" over time, rather than an event, and by new medical techniques such as menstrual extraction, the "morning-after" pill, implantation of embryos, artificial insemination, and even artificial wombs."

Legal rights were not accorded to the unborn "except in narrowly defined situations and except when the rights are contingent upon live birth." After discussing the general area of tort law and what level of protection was afforded the fetus and when, the Court concluded as follows: "In short, the unborn have never been recognized in the law as persons in the whole sense."

Since the fetus is not a "person" for Constitutional purposes, the Constitution does not afford it any absolute protection in the form of a right to life.

Nevertheless, the Court does not give up on the notion that the State has an "important and legitimate interest in preserving and protecting the health of the pregnant woman, . . . and that it has still another important and legitimate interest in protecting the potentiality of human life." The Court then indicates that these 2 interests are separate and distinct. In other words, (1) protecting the health of the pregnant woman and (2) protecting the potentiality of human life are interests that need to be balanced. "Each grows in substantiality as the woman approaches term and, at a point during pregnancy, each becomes "compelling".

The Court next discusses these 2 interests one by one and the time when each of them becomes "compelling". Next week I will report on that discussion.

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Please submit your questions for consideration to The Legal Corner, c/o Barry Harrow, P.O. Drawer 226, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. It's hard to eliminate back problems, aches and pains. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

A mattress, very simply, is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet the padding generally will not last that long and is the first thing to wear out.

Most mattresses feel good when you first lie down on them. What makes the difference months or years later, is the quality of the padding. It should give good support and hold you with even pressure distributed the entire length of your body when you are curled up on your side. Your spine should be held in the same good posture as when you are standing.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

Put your mattress to the test. Look across your bed for any visible body impressions or sagging. The upholstery material should feel as it did when you first bought the bed. You shouldn't sink through the padding or feel the springs. A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding.

A good mattress will mold to your body and hold you in good posture with a feeling that you think is comfortable. You don't have to compromise your idea of comfort. You can find a balance between the firmness of the spring and the thickness of the padding that is just right for you.

Consumer Reports offers good, reliable information about beds and mattresses. You can also visit the Monterey Mattress Company showroom near the Barnyard. There you can look inside at the superior construction and materials used in our beds. Then lie down for the final test and you will feel the difference.

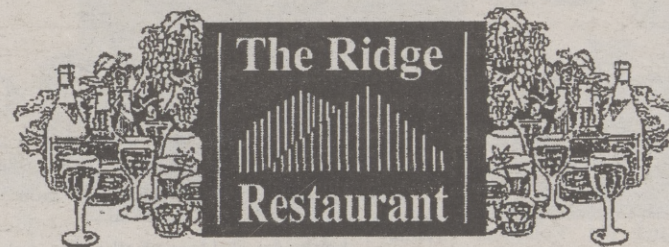
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VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

By Joseph Hertlein

Santa Fly-In

It was 10:15 Saturday morning. As early arrivers for the parade gathered at the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield, they saw a brightly colored BI-plane approaching. Could this be Santa? It was too early. Besides, there was only one pilot. Where was Mrs. Claus? Not to worry, it was just our own friendly Lars deJung coming back from an early morning flight providing a little extra excitement for those who arrived early. It definitely pays to arrive early to see Santa.

He was right on schedule flying in Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. from the North Pole. After making one fly-by to let everyone know that they were here, and to be certain the runway was cleared of all excited youngsters and their parents, the plane carrying Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus landed at the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield and taxied before an enthusiastic crowd. Each year the crowd appears to get bigger and bigger, and more enthusiastic. They were all well behaved though, staying behind the yellow ribbon until the plane was safely stopped and the Volunteer fireman signaled that it was OK to drop the ribbon and allow the crowd to come closer.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus greeted the crowd and there were lots of Ho Ho Ho's to be heard from Santa. Carmel Valley is certainly one of his favorite places to visit. With so many excited youngsters to greet him, it is understandable why he enjoys coming here each year. With such a large crowd to welcome him, it took awhile for Santa and Mrs. Claus to make their way to the sleigh where eight eager Reindeer awaited to pull them.

The parade was led by Carmel Valley Fire Department Chief Bill Sims. Scouts from Troop 127 carried the flag and were followed by Cub scouts from Pack 127. Grand Marshals for the parade were Roger and Dodie Williams. These two long-time residents of the Valley have done so much to make our community a wonderful place to live. Great having them be the Grand Marshals.

Heading across the airport, down Flight Road to Carmel Valley Road, the parade passed the Running Iron Restaurant where, from the balcony, announcer par-excellance Randy



Randazzo described the floats and parade entrants as they went by. After turning onto Del Fino Place the parade headed to the Community Center Hall where kids lined up to have their chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Santa, with a twinkle in his eye, a large, comfortable lap, and a hearty Ho Ho Ho, made youngsters so welcome, there were only a few who were scared to sit on his lap. With the help of Mrs. Claus and her warm smile and the offer of a candy cane, even those few soon realized there was nothing to be scared of. Santa the

wise gentleman that he is seemed to know so many of the children, and their parents. He knew which ones had been naughty and nice. So kids, and parents, you'd better be good if you want Santa to visit you this Christmas.

Chamber Of Commerce Angel Project

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce is asking its generous members to donate food and toys, which will be distributed through "The Angel Project" to needy families throughout Carmel Valley over the Christmas



holidays. You may donate non-perishable food, packaged goods, hygiene products, cleaning products, holiday foods and treats. They also need lots of new unwrapped toys, games and

books for children of all ages - babies through teens. You can also donate Christmas tree decorations and lights.

Here is a chance to spread Christmas cheer throughout our community. You may bring donations to First National Bank at Carmel Ranch, MailBoxes Etc. at Mid-Valley, or Carmel Valley Business Service in the Village. If you wish to make a cash donation, please make check payable to "Carmel Valley Angel Project" and mail to P. O. Box 149, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Carmel Valley Park & Recreation District Swearing-In

At its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 10th, the Park Board swore in new member Dave Lyon who was elected to the Board in November and swore in re-elected Board members Randy



Randazzo and Sherrie May. Each will serve a four-year term. Other Board members are Dorothy McEwen and Nick Craft whose terms run until December 1999. Among items discussed at the meeting was the successful tree lighting ceremony that took place on Saturday December 6th. The weather held off just long enough so music groups from Tulareitos, Middle and High school could perform. The Holman Ranch crew had done a great job of decorating the tree which has 2,700 hundred lights on it. Remember this fact. It's likely to appear in a future River Ramblings trivia contest.

The Buddy Jones Trio & Pat Duval

The Buddy Jones Trio will be appearing twice this weekend in the Village. On Friday night they will be at Los Laureles Lodge on Carmel Valley Road. Then on Saturday



evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM they will be appearing at Plaza Linda Restaurant on Del Fino Place. The trio features Jackie Coon on Fluegel Horn, Bruce Forman on guitar and Buddy Jones on Bass. On Saturday night from 8:00 to 11:00 PM Pat

Duval, our singing sheriff, will be performing at his place "Duvals" at Los Laureles Lodge. As you know Pat has retired and fortunately for us has taken on a new career managing the restaurant and singing more often at Los Laureles Lodge. He has such a wonderful voice and personality. It is great having him here full-time as a community partner.

Happy Holidays!



November 11

Carmel Valley: Woman asked police to stand by while she told another woman to remove her horse from her land. But woman did not show up. She was later found and told to remove the horse.

Carmel Valley: Individual reports a 15 year-old juvenile shoplifted a brownie from his store. Juvenile was found with the brownie and cited for 484 PC.

November 12

Carmel: Man reported having an argument with his wife about financial problems and the destruction of cassette tapes.

November 13

Monterey: Two men are involved in a neighbor dispute over damage caused by one man's cat. Animal control was requested to take custody of the offending feline. Man was advised to handle recovery of damages through the civil courts.

Carmel Valley: A man reports receiving a phone call from a male subject soliciting funds for a memorial fund for the Carmel Valley Fire Department. A spokesman for the Carmel Valley Fire Department advised of no such fund in progress.

November 15

Carmel: Albertson's market reported a Carmel individual in custody for shoplifting a pack of cigarettes. The theft was witnessed by an off duty reserve police officer from Del Rey Oaks.

Carmel Valley: Woman reports finding an explosive device behind Jensen's Camp. The Santa Cruz EOD responded and determined that the device was actually a gofer bomb wrapped in electricians tape.

November 16

Pacific Grove: Sheriff dive team was called out to assist a surfer who was being swept out from Asilomar Beach. The victim made it back to shore, uninjured. The team was canceled.

Carmel Valley: On Sunday 11/16 at 1551 hours woman wished to report a male subject peeking through her window. Date of occurrence was Sat. 11/15 at approximately 2000 hrs. Woman has been noting suspicious activity at the residence since Fri. 11/14. Unknown if both occurrences are related. No suspects at

this time other than a male Hispanic possibly in his 30's.

Monterey/CHOMP: E.R. staff reported an unconscious female patient had arrived by ambulance. The woman had a severe head injury that did not fit the explanation for the mechanism of injury. Case continues.

Carmel Valley: Man entered the Village Pizzeria and stole a bottle of wine.

November 17

Carmel Valley: Man reported the theft of his briefcase and rain gear out of the back of his pick up truck while it was parked at the Carmel Valley Community Center.

Carmel Valley: Man reports pigs next to his property are getting into his flowers and other plants doing damage to his soil. Woman was contacted and she said the pigs are in a new pen and they won't get out again.

November 18

Carmel: Man discovered his manual credit card machine was missing from his store.

Carmel Valley: While on patrol police found a 12 year-old juvenile sleeping in a van apparently with his parent's permission.

Carmel: Person reported she had a verbal argument with her tenant. Both parties alleged that the other disturbed each others peace and wanted to press charges.

November 19

Carmel: Woman reported she was unable to contact her ill mother since early A.M. Her mother was found at home and said her phone isn't working.

Carmel Valley: Person reported receiving a telephone call stating that she had won a \$25,000.00 prize in a sweepstakes. She only had to wire the suspect \$500.00 for an insurance fee before her prize money would be sent out. INFORMATION: Western Union in

Canada confirms that the suspect has been making numerous collections in at least three Western Union Offices in the Montreal area. One office paid out \$10,000.00 in one day.

Carmel: A man reports finding a plastic baggie of white powder on the ground at the corner of Meza Dr. and Oak Pl. He was there doing road work. The substance was taken to the office to be destroyed.

Carmel Valley: Woman is receiving obscene phone calls from her cleaning lady's son. These calls have been occurring three times a day for the past two months.

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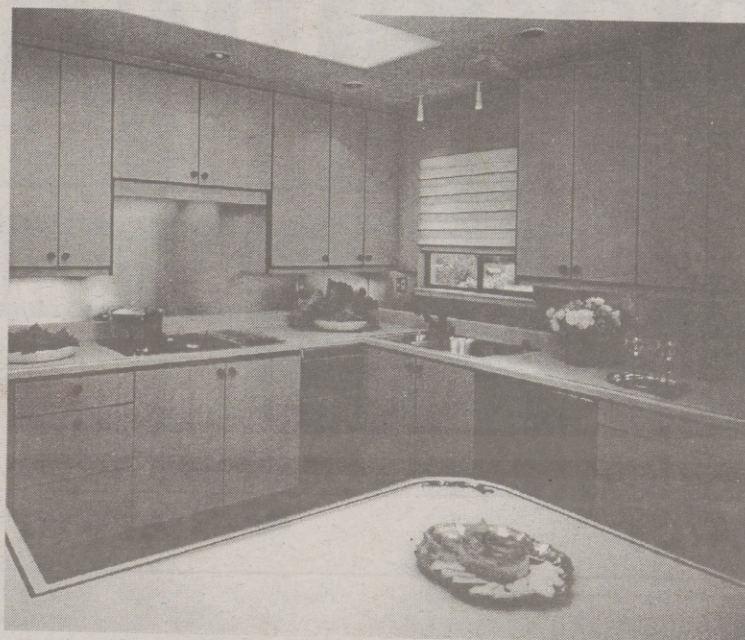
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